

The Informer

January 2023

Wishing you a
Happy New Year
and blessed year
ahead. May
God's light
guide your way
in 2023.

A Note from Pastor Adam

The Work of Christmas

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life...

1 John 1:1

The spent wrapping paper has been thrown away, the radio stations have gone back to their regular programming, and the wreaths and lights have been put away (or at least we've talked about it!). Christmas is over...

...or is it?

We read the Christmas story, of the angels and the shepherds, the wise men and the Holy Family, and we find people so excited about what they have experienced that they cannot help sharing that good news.

"A Savior has been born!"

But those proclamations of joy and excitement do not end with the departure from Bethlehem or the growth of the child. They continue. New voices take up the chorus. New sermons are written. New churches are begun. New generations declare "

Jesus is Lord!" with their mouths, sharing what they have

experienced and learned to be true about the very God of the universe. And then they live their lives as if what they just said is true: trusting that God is at work, caring for the sick and malnourished and neglected, serving in the harshest places, hoping against all hope that God is at work.

The Jesus family, the church through history and all the way till today, never stops doing the work of Christmas.

So as we enter a new year, I thought the words that start the letter of 1 John would be a good reminder: share what you have learned, what you have experienced, what you have seen. Share the love you found because of that first Christmas. And then, drawing inspiration from Rev. Howard Thurman, let us be about the work of Christmas in 2023 here at Farmville Baptist Church. May we be a place, and a people, who:

- ◆ Find the lost
- ◆ Heal the broken
- ◆ Feed the hungry
- ◆ Release the prisoner
- ◆ Rebuild the nations
- ◆ Bring peace among others
- ◆ Make music in the heart

The song of the angels may be stilled, but the work of Christmas continues – and it is ours to do.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Adam



WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS
STILLED,
WHEN THE STAR IN THE SKY IS GONE,
WHEN THE KINGS AND PRINCES ARE
HOME, WHEN THE SHEPHERDS ARE BACK
WITH THEIR FLOCK,
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS:
TO FIND THE LOST,
TO HEAL THE BROKEN,
TO FEED THE HUNGRY,

TO RELEASE THE PRISONER,
TO REBUILD THE NATIONS,
TO BRING PEACE AMONG OTHERS,
TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART.

-HOWARD THURMAN

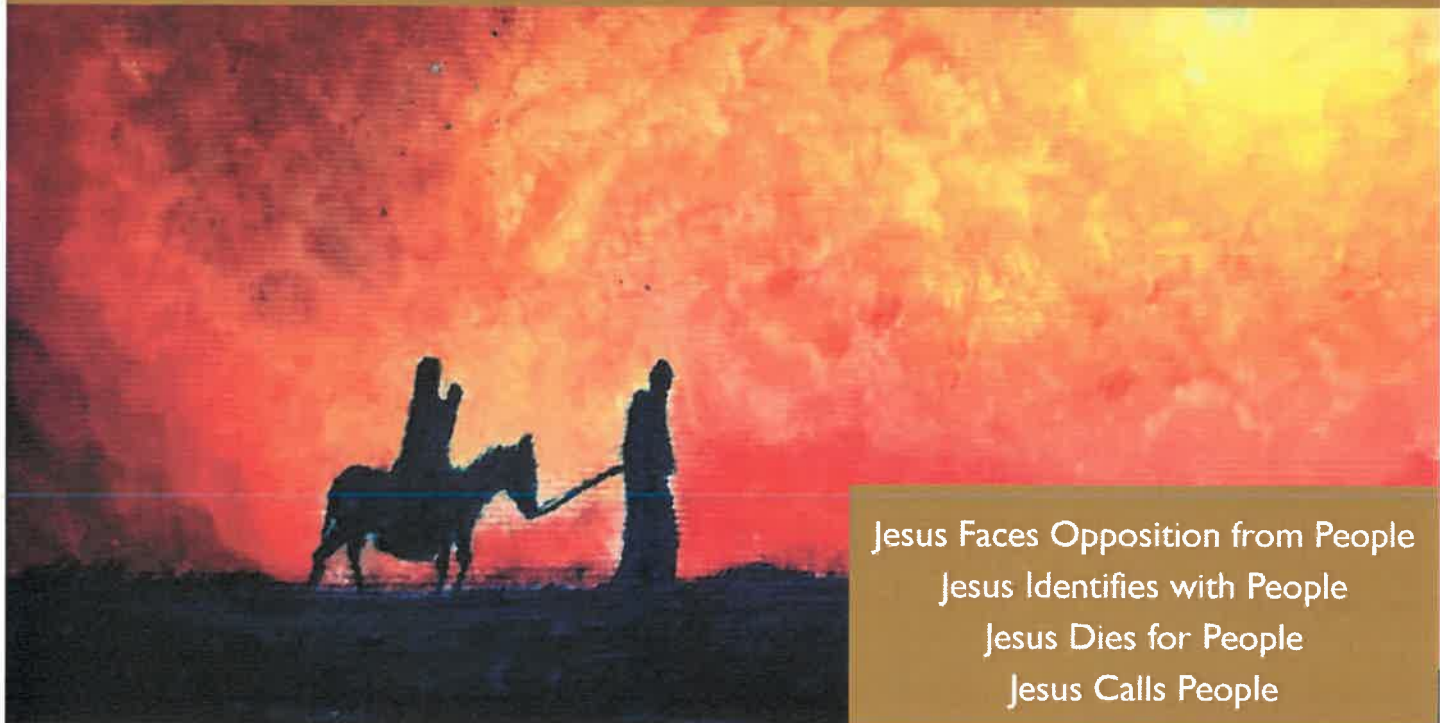


Jesus and People

In-Person Bible Study EVERY *Sunday Morning* at **9:45 AM**

Virtual Bible Study EVERY *Wednesday Evening* at **7:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting ID 271-659-616 with passcode 688863



Jesus Faces Opposition from People
Jesus Identifies with People
Jesus Dies for People
Jesus Calls People



Coming up on the Podcast

These community & ministry partners will be highlighted soon!

- **FACES** with Joanna & Paul Baker
- **Moton Museum** with Cameron Patterson
- **BCM** with Austin Williams
- **BGAV** with Wayne Faison

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FARMVILLE YOUTH collective

PREP

Join us for Dinner,
Games & Small
Group Bible Study

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& 5
GRADERS
ARE
WELCOME!

EVERY
THIRD
SUNDAY
AT
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2023 Pledge Campaign Report	22 Pledge Cards Returned Pledge Total	\$106,702.00
	2023 Approved Operating Budget	\$192,890.00

Thank you to all who have either returned their pledge cards via mail or the offertory plate. If you have not yet returned your pledge card we kindly ask that you do so as soon as you can. Additional pledge cards are available

within the window stands at the entrances to the church sanctuary, or one can be mailed to you. If you need one mailed to you please contact the church office by phone at (434) 392-5041 or by email at office@farmvillebaptist.org.



Mother & Daughter Day


JOIN US FOR A GIRL'S LUNCHEON

**NAIL ART FEATURING ELIZABETH WHILEY &
YOU'LL CREATE FRESH FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
11:00 AM—1:30 PM**

**Farmville Baptist Church
RSVP to Janett 434.547.5222**

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Birthday Barbara Anderson 11am-Worship Service	2 FBC Preschool & Church Office CLOSED	3 Happy Birthday Madison Taney	4 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	5 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	6 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	7 9:00am-De-decorate Church
9 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Deacon's Meeting 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	10 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom	11 Happy Birthday Nancy Vick 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	13 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	14 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	15 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions
15 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Church Business 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	16  Happy Birthday Toby Towler 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions FBC Church Office and FBC Preschool CLOSED	17 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	18 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	19 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	20 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	21 11:00am—1:30pm : Mother & Daughter Day at Church
22 Happy Birthday Ryan Holman & Penny Huskey 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	23 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	24 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	25 Happy Birthday Bryan Saxtan 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	26 Happy Birthday Ryan Taney	27 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	28 Happy Birthday Rick Chassey
29 9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11am-Worship Service 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	30 Happy Birthday Doralease Jackson 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	31 Happy Birthday Garrison Taney 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	1 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	4 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions

Notes: Save the Date : Deacon's Valentines Luncheon following Worship Sunday, February 13th

On behalf of all of my family
for my brother, Billy
Tornabene, we just want to
say thank you for the many
prayers, visits, kind words
and deeds from you, our
church family. It means so
much and we are grateful.

Jack and Kim

Thanks

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY

DEACONS VALENTINES LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

12:15 PM

FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

SAVE THE DATE

HOSTED BY THE
FARMVILLE YOUTH
COLLECTIVE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PICK-UP FROM
5:30—7:00 PM



EACH MEAL INCLUDES:

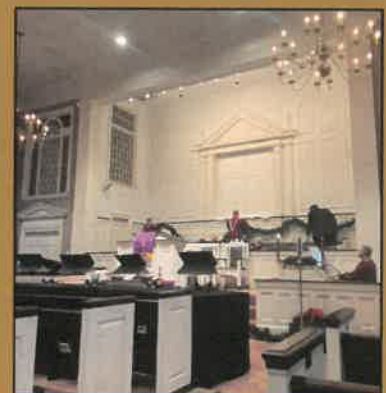
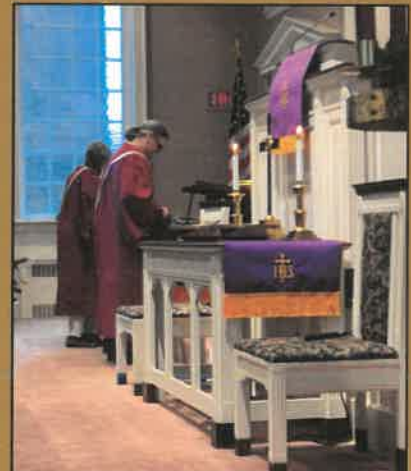
Choice of soup
Garden Salad
Dinner Roll
Dessert

• Proceeds benefiting
• F.A.C.E.S. Food Pantry

December Calendar Highlights

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 27, 2022



Christmas Luncheon

December Calendar Highlights

Downtown Farmville Christmas Parade



In the afternoon following our beautiful Hanging of the Greens Worship Service, and the first Sunday of Advent, we participated in the Farmville Jaycee's annual Christmas Parade in Downtown Farmville.

This year's float included visual elements that related to the parade's theme and how 'Love Came Down at Christmas' through the birth of baby Jesus.

We had a wonderful afternoon and look forward to participating again next year!



Piedmont Geriatric Hospital Stock the Sleigh Event



Thank you to everyone who shopped and donated items to the patients we adopted this Christmas season. We were able to fulfill the wish lists of 3 patients, with the FYC fulfilling the wish list of a 4th patient.

Pastor Adam and Kat delivered the gifts to the hospital on December 13th before their holiday parties.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2	All Day	Happy New Year—Church Office & FBC Preschool CLOSED
January 3	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
January 4	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 7	9:00 AM	Remove & Pack Advent Decorations from the Church and Sanctuary
January 8	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 8	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 8	12:15 PM	Deacon's Meeting in the Church Parlor directly following Worship
January 8	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—Students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome!
January 9	7:00 PM	Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom Mtg. #991-234-5009 with passcode FBC2023
January 10	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
January 10	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
January 11	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 15	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 15	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 15	12:15 PM	Church Business Meeting In-Person & Virtually in the Church Sanctuary
January 15	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—All students in grades 4 through 12 are welcome!
January 16	All Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Church Office & FBC Preschool CLOSED
January 17	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
January 17	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
January 18	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 22	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 22	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 22	2:00-5:00 PM	FYC attending Winter Youth "Rise Against Hunger" Rally at Crenshaw United Methodist Church in Blackstone—Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend!
January 24	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
January 24	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
January 25	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 29	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 29	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 29	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—Students in grades 6 through 12 welcome!
January 31	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
January 31	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
February 1	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863